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Addendum

1. At the 122nd plenary meeting of its sixty-second session, on 15 September 2008, the General Assembly had before it the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly (A/62/952), established pursuant to resolution 61/292.

2. At that meeting, the General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 46 of the report (resolution 62/276).

3. The present addendum to the report contains three annexes that formed an integral part of the Ad Hoc Working Group's report and deliberations and are issued as mandated.

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Annex I

Explanatory note by the Co-Chairs

1. In order to fulfil the request formulated in General Assembly resolution 61/292 for evaluation and assessment of the status of implementation of relevant resolutions, the Co-Chairs, after consultations with Member States, decided to prepare an inventory/chart of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization.

2. Our intention was to catalogue all relevant provisions on revitalization with the purpose of identifying areas where progress is needed as well as areas where practical results could be achieved during the sixty-second session. In practical terms, the chart provides evidence of actual progress and signal, remaining obstacles and opportunities for further progress. In other words, it may help Member States to identify specific actions that can improve the process of revitalization, and thus enhance the authority and effectiveness of the General Assembly.

3. In terms of scope, the inventory focuses on the provisions contained in resolutions on revitalization, starting from the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.

4. The chart contains mostly operative provisions by which the Assembly requested concrete and specific actions. In our view, such an approach would make the discussion more practice- and result-oriented. In this context, the following types of provisions have been omitted:

- Declaratory provisions reaffirming certain principles
- Provisions which are no longer relevant for the process of revitalization (establishing a working group, deferring issues to the next session etc.)
- Provisions that have been overtaken by events (for example, by other resolutions, new rules of procedure etc.).

5. While analysing different resolutions on revitalization, we realized that there are many provisions which are repeated in more than one resolution. Consequently, to avoid duplication, the chart contains only one provision and includes references to other resolutions where a similar provision is to be found.

6. In order to better organize our discussions and make our findings more understandable and useful, we divided all the relevant provisions into three main clusters (reflecting to some extent the structure of the most recent resolutions on revitalization). Furthermore, the three main clusters have been subdivided into different thematic areas. Each provision included in the chart has been given a number. The chart also indicates the entity responsible for the implementation of the provision as well as comments on the status of implementation. Where possible, the chart characterizes the nature of the provision, indicating whether it is one-time action or a provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.

7. The Co-Chairs obtained information on the status of implementation during several meetings with entities responsible for the implementation. In addition, information provided in the reports of the Secretary-General on revitalization has been used.

8. The chart does not have a definitive character and may be amended at any time by Member States if necessary. Furthermore, it is not intended to have and does not constitute any legal effect. It should serve solely as a tool to facilitate our discussion and to indicate where implementation or additional clarification is still needed.

Annex II

Inventory/chart of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization[a]

Cluster I: working methods, documentation, agenda, etc.

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of the provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
A.	**General provisions related to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly**			
1.	60/286, annex, para. 24 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 14	Requests the Secretary-General to issue the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in a consolidated version in all official languages, in print and online.	Secretary-General	One-time action. The consolidated version of the rules of procedure is set out in document A/520/Rev.16 and Corr.1, both in print and online (A/62/608, p. 15).[b]
2.	60/286, annex, para. 24	Requests the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat to make precedents and past practice available in the public domain with respect to rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization.	Secretary-General/ Office of Legal Affairs	One-time action. The Office of Legal Affairs has concluded the process of compiling precedents and past practice with respect to the rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization. That information will be made available in the public domain shortly (A/62/608).
B.	**Provisions related to the organization of meetings: Plenary, General Committee, Main Committees**			
3.	59/313, para. 11	Strongly urges all officers presiding over meetings of the General Assembly to start such meetings on time.	Secretary-General/ Department of General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on the ongoing basis by the Secretariat. Periodically, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management provides presiding officers with statistics on the

[a] As circulated by the Co-Chairs in a letter dated 9 May 2008.

[b] A revised edition of the rules of procedure has been issued under the symbol A/520/Rev.17. Available also from www.un.org/ga/ropga.shtml.

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				financial impact of the implementation of this provision (A/61/483, p. 19, and A/62/608).
4.	58/316, annex, para. 1 (b)	With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays.	Secretary-General/ Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	As from the fifty-ninth session, plenary meetings of the Assembly are scheduled and held on Mondays and Thursdays to the extent possible (A/61/483, p. 13, and A/62/608).
5.	58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 2	The work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly might benefit if it is scheduled over two substantive periods during the session. ... With a view to enabling the Assembly to consider changes in this regard, with effect from the sixtieth session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to present, by 1 February 2004, various options for consideration by the General Committee, taking into account the requirements of the relevant intergovernmental bodies and the different locations of their meetings and the budget cycle.	Secretary-General	One-time action. In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Options for the rescheduling of the Main Committees of the General Assembly" (A/58/CRP.3), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session (A/61/483, p. 12, and A/62/608, p. 7).
C.	**Provisions related to the general debate**			
6.	57/301, para. 2 *Also in*: 57/301, para. 3; 51/241, annex, para. 19; and 51/241, annex, para. 20 (a)	Also decides that the general debate in the General Assembly shall open on the Tuesday following the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly and shall be held without interruption over a period of nine working days.	Secretary-General/ Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on the ongoing basis. Included in annex VIII to the rules of procedure. The general debate opens on the Tuesday following the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly and is being held without interruption over a period of nine working days.

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7.	51/241, annex, para. 20 (b)-(e)	The preparation of the list of speakers for the general debate shall be based on the following principles: (b) Member States shall be invited to indicate three preferences for speaking times; (c) Member States wishing to organize or participate in group meetings during the general debate period shall be encouraged to coordinate their responses to the request for preferences and to indicate this transparently in their responses; (d) The Secretariat shall be requested to prepare a list of speakers based on existing traditions and expressions of preference to best accommodate Members' needs; (e) The list of speakers for each day shall be completed and no speakers will be rolled over to the next day, notwithstanding the implications for hours of work.	Secretary-General/ Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on the ongoing basis by the Secretariat. The preparation of the list is based on the expressions of preference, traditions and internal criteria, e.g. written request by a Member State, level of the representation, previous speaker slot, gender balance, geographical diversity, etc.
D.	**Provisions related to the conduct of business: time limits on speeches**			
8.	59/313, para. 10	Decides that time limits on speeches in the plenary Assembly and in the Main Committees shall be applied in accordance with rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Rule 72 reads: *The General Assembly may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker and the number of times each representative may speak on any question. Before a decision is taken, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, a proposal to set such limits. When the debate is limited and a representative*	Member States/ Secretary-General/ President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on the ongoing basis by the Secretariat, the President of the General Assembly and Member States, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.

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		exceeds his allotted time, the President shall call him to order without delay. Rule 114 reads: *The committee may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker and the number of times each representative may speak on any question. Before a decision is taken, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, a proposal to set such limits. When the debate is limited and a representative exceeds his allotted time, the Chairman shall call him to order without delay.*		
9.	51/241, annex, para. 22	Outside the general debate there shall be a 15-minute time limit in plenary meetings and in the Main Committees.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision to be applied by Member States bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.
10.	59/313, para. 13	Invites Member States that are aligned with statements already made by the chair of a group of Member States, where possible, to focus additional interventions that they make in their national capacity on points that have not already been adequately addressed in the statements of the group in question, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by Member States bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.
E.	**Provisions related to modern technologies**			
11.	60/286, annex, para. 28 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 15; and 55/285, annex, para. 24 (a)	Requests an update on its recommendation, in paragraph 15 of its resolution 59/313, regarding consideration of the use of optical scanners as a means of expediting the counting of votes cast through secret ballots during elections,	Secretary-General	One-time action. Several options, taking into account the security requirements and the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of such means, have now been

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		taking due account of the security requirements in this regard and the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of such means, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the modalities thereof to the General Assembly.		examined and have been made available to Member States in the form of a paper on revitalization which was prepared by the Secretariat and submitted to the Member States by the Co-Chairs in the course of the sixty-first session. The proposals contained therein are currently under consideration (A/62/608, p. 15). Action by Member States required.
12.	55/285, annex, para. 24 (b) and (c)	Taking into account the general support in this regard, the Secretary-General is requested to submit proposals to the General Assembly for its consideration: (b) Wiring of the main conference rooms at Headquarters to provide members of delegations and the Secretariat with access to the Official Document System and other databases of the Organization, as well as to the Internet, together with electronic access to texts of statements and reports and, in the case of reports, simultaneous access to texts in all official languages; (c) Other areas of the work of the Assembly in which the use of modern technology and information technology would contribute to enhancing efficiency in its working methods.	Secretary-General	(b) The Chief Information Technology Officer will coordinate with the Member States their requirements of connectivity. (c) Managing knowledge of the Organization, by way of an enterprise content management (ECM) system has been proposed by the Secretary-General. (A/62/510, paras. 70-76).

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13.	51/241, annex, para. 45	The Secretary-General is requested to pursue an information technology plan with a range of options to provide all permanent missions to the United Nations and the wider public with online access to documents and relevant United Nations information. Unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, hard copies of documents shall continue to be distributed to permanent missions in accordance with their needs. While welcoming the progress made by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, further efforts in this direction could be pursued within a specified time frame to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems. All countries, in particular developing countries, shall be assisted in making full use of this potential access. Adequate provision should be made for training delegates. Facilities for such access by delegations within the United Nations premises shall also be expanded as much as possible. Availability of information in this manner should be ensured in all official languages of the United Nations.	Secretary-General	Web Content Management is a component of the ECM platform that facilitates knowledge-sharing within the Secretariat and with other international organizations, non-governmental organizations and the public at large through its capabilities for the creation and dissemination of content on internal and external websites; provides a simple, browser-based capacity to create content, it empowers staff with minimal ICT skills to create and manage dynamic content of both internal and external websites; by standardizing web content authoring, the ECM system can easily enforce Secretariat standards for visual content, such as user interfaces and accessibility requirements, and facilitate the branding of internal and external websites (A/62/510, para. 72 (e)-(g)).
14.	51/241, annex, para. 46	The Secretary-General is encouraged to include information on the impact of technological improvements in his report on the implementation of mandates, by means of comparing outputs with objectives.	Secretary-General	See comments for provisions 12 and 13 above.

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F.	**Provisions related to documentation: resolutions**			
15.	60/286, annex, para. 23 *Also in*: 58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 5	Encourages Member States to submit draft resolutions in a more concise, focused and action-oriented form.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by Member States bearing in mind the sovereign right of Member States to submit proposals in the context of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
G.	**Provisions related to documentation: consolidation of reports**			
16.	60/286, annex, para. 29 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 16; 58/316, annex, para. 6 (c); and 58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 7	Requests the Secretary-General to implement further the measures set out in paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300 on the consolidation of reports and in paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 58/316 on documentation.	Secretary-General	Since the adoption of this resolution, a number of reports, where appropriate, have been consolidated (A/61/483, p. 21, and A/62/608).
17.	58/316, annex, para. 6 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 16	In the light of its decision in section B, paragraph 7, of the annex to resolution 58/126 that the heavy volume of documentation that is submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration should be reduced, the Secretary-General is requested: (a) To update the note by the Secretariat, entitled "Control and limitation of documentation"(A/58/CRP.7) in the light of the provisions of the present resolution; (b) To submit the updated version of the note by the Secretariat for the consideration of the General Committee, meeting in open-ended consultations, so that it may make recommendations to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.	Secretary-General	In response to the provision formulated in resolution 57/300, the Secretariat has issued a note entitled "Control and limitation of documentation" (A/58/CRP.7). The note has not been updated, lacking the endorsement of Member States.

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18.	58/316, annex, para. 6 (c) *Also in*: 57/300, para. 20	To take the necessary action to initiate the implementation of provisions of paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300, in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to start, on a trial basis, a consultative process with the President of the General Assembly and the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the Assembly at the end of the main part of each session of the Assembly, with a view to consolidating reports on related subjects, if decided by the Main Committees.	Secretary-General/ President of the General Assembly/Member States	Consultations have not been held, as there is no applicable decision by the Main Committees.
19.	55/285, annex, para. 15 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 32	Member States need to take concrete action to implement paragraph 32 of the annex to resolution 51/241, including by requesting more integrated reports. Paragraph 32 reads: *The number of reports requested shall be rationalized where possible so as to permit more focused consideration of issues. All bodies shall exercise restraint in making proposals containing requests for new reports and should consider integrating, biennializing or triennializing the presentation of reports, bearing in mind paragraphs 6 and 7 of General Assembly resolution 50/206 C of 23 December 1995.*	Member States	Provision to be implemented by Member States.
20.	55/285, annex, para. 16	In preparing the annual memorandum concerning the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the secretariat of the Assembly, in consultation with the substantive departments of the Secretariat, should look for synergies and integration of reports.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. The annual memorandum concerning the implementation of the resolutions contains a paragraph on the need for possible integration of reports.

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H.	**Provisions related to the preparation and issuance of reports**			
21.	59/313, para. 18 *Also in*: 49/221 B, para. 6 (c)	Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation and reports are issued well in advance, in keeping with the six-week rule for the issuance of documentation simultaneously in all official languages, as set out in resolution 49/221 B and in resolution 59/309 on multilingualism.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision. In response to this request, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management has entered into a compact with the Secretary-General which provides for zero tolerance of late submission of documents (A/61/483 and A/62/608).
22.	55/285, annex, para. 18	The Secretary-General is requested to make further suggestions as to how to speed up the preparation of reports and to rationalize the scheduling of meetings. The Secretary-General shall keep the President of the General Assembly and the General Committee informed on this issue on a regular basis throughout the sessions of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	The Secretary-General continues to make recommendations in his memorandums on organization of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (see the most recent one, A/BUR/62/1).
23.	55/285, annex, para. 17	Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States.
24.	59/313, para. 17	Encourages Member States, when seeking additional information, to request that they be provided with the information either orally or, if in writing, in the form of information sheets, annexes, tables and the like, and encourages the wider use of this practice.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States.

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I.	**Provisions related to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization**			
25.	51/241, annex, para. 4	The introduction to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization should be in the nature of an executive summary highlighting main issues.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented by the Secretariat. The introduction to the report on the work of Organization is presented in a form of an executive summary highlighting the main issues.
26.	51/241, annex, para. 5 *Also in*: 55/285, annex, para. 13	The main body of the report shall be comprehensive, informative and analytical in a way that will allow Member States to examine and assess, inter alia, through the debate on the report, the extent to which mandates given by the General Assembly have been fulfilled, as well as to set priorities in the context of the major political, economic and social, administrative and financial issues on its agenda.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented by the Secretariat on an ongoing basis.
27.	51/241, annex, para. 6 *Also in*: 55/285, annex, para. 13	The Secretary-General shall incorporate a [new] forward-looking section in his report on the work of the Organization. It shall describe the specific goals for the Secretariat in the year ahead in the context of the work plan for the Organization in the coming year, taking into account the medium-term plan and the fact that the responsibility for establishing priorities rests with the Member States.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.
28.	51/241, annex, para. 9 *Also in*: 55/285, annex, para. 13	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization shall, inter alia, contain an analytical and concise annex elaborating the costs by major programmes and activities of all bodies of the United Nations system, located	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.

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		both in and outside New York, according to their mandates, so as to improve Member States' overview of system-wide issues.		
29.	51/241, annex, para. 3	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization should be available not later than 30 days prior to the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly in all official languages of the Organization so as to permit due consideration.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. During the sixty-second session the report was not available within the deadline requested.
30.	55/285, annex, para. 14 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 7	As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action.	President of the General Assembly	According to the practice, the Secretary-General introduces his report at the beginning of the general debate. Consequently, the President of the General Assembly presents his assessment at the conclusion of the general debate. No additional assessment by the President is provided after plenary meetings of the General Assembly.
31.	51/241, annex, para. 7	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization shall be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly immediately after the general debate.	Secretary-General/ Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented by the Secretariat on an ongoing basis. The report is considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly immediately after the general debate.
32.	51/241, annex, para. 8	The General Assembly in plenary meeting may refer sections of the report for more detailed consideration by the Main Committees.	Member States	Provision has never been applied in practice. However, it does not formulate any definite obligation to refer sections of the report for more

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				detailed consideration by the Main Committees.
33.	51/241, annex, para. 10	The Secretary-General is requested to introduce the report orally at an appropriate time under the agenda item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization".	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General introduces his report orally under the agenda item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization".
J.	**Provisions related to the agenda of the General Assembly**			
34.	58/316, annex, para. 2 (a) and (d)	(a) Pursuant to paragraph 4 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126, the agenda of the General Assembly shall be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (or in the strategic framework, as appropriate), with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters" ...; (d) The provisions of the present section shall be reviewed by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session with a view to making further improvements, as appropriate.	Secretary-General/ Member States (General Assembly)	One-time action. As from the fifty-ninth session, the agenda of the General Assembly has been organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and, subsequently, in accordance with the strategic framework for the period 2006-2007, with an additional heading I, entitled "Organizational, administrative and other matters" (A/61/483, p. 13, and A/62/608). During the sixty-first session no revision was made by the General Assembly.

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35.	58/316, annex, para. 4	Provisions related to allocation of agenda items (for details see resolution 58/316, para. 4).	Member States/ Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions of this paragraph are being implemented as from the fifty-ninth session and reflected in the agenda of each session (A/62/608, and resolution 58/316, para. 4).
36.	55/285, annex, paras. 3-9	Provisions related to clustering of agenda items concerning cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations.	Member States/ Secretary-General	One-time action. Provision implemented as requested and reflected in the agenda of each session.
37.	55/285, annex, paras. 10 and 11	Provisions related to biennialization of agenda items (for details see resolution 55/285, paras. 10 and 11).	Member States/ Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions have been implemented as requested.
38.	55/285, annex, para. 12	The following item shall be considered by the Third Committee, starting at the fifty-sixth session: "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly".	Member States/ Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions have been implemented as requested.
39.	58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 4	With a view to better conceptualization of the content of the agenda of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to submit to the Assembly, for its consideration by 1 March 2004, an illustrative agenda of the Assembly, based on all the agenda items of the fifty-eighth session, organized around the priorities of the Organization for the period 2002-2005. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the illustrative agenda before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.	Secretary-General/ General Committee	One-time action. In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Illustrative agenda of the General Assembly" (A/58/CRP.4), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session (A/61/483, p. 12). See also comments for provision 37 above.

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40.	58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 5	The President of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, in consultation with the Secretary-General, and following consultations with concerned Member States, is requested to make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items of the customary agenda of the Assembly for the consideration of the General Committee by 1 April 2004. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the proposals before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.	President of the General Assembly	One-time action. Subsequent to the adoption of resolution 58/126, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Analysis of the agenda of the General Assembly" which was considered by the General Committee in open-ended informal consultations.
41.	55/285, annex, para. 2 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 24	The rationalization and streamlining of the agenda of the General Assembly should continue in order to enable the Assembly to focus its work on priority issues. Any change or suggestion concerning the agenda is made with the understanding that Member States may at any time propose any issue or item for the attention and consideration of the Assembly.	Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
42.	51/241, annex, para. 23	Bearing in mind rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the requirements for reopening debate on an agenda item which the Assembly had decided was completed will continue to be as at present and should be made clear to delegations through a statement from the President of the Assembly. A delegation wishing to reopen debate on an agenda item should send a written request to	Member States (General Assembly)/ President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. See also: rule 81.

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		the President of the Assembly. The President will then undertake soundings to ascertain whether the request enjoys wide support. In the light of these soundings, the President shall announce in the *Journal* of the United Nations the date of the meeting of the Assembly to consider the question of reopening debate on the item, bearing in mind the requirements of rule 81.		
43.	51/241, annex, para. 25	As a general rule, agenda items that could be considered in the Main Committees shall be referred to the Main Committees rather than the General Assembly in plenary meetings.	General Assembly/ Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
K. Provisions related to practices and working methods of the Main Committees of the General Assembly				
44.	60/286, annex, para. 25 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 8	Requests the Main Committees to continue their efforts to further rationalize their agendas and to improve their working methods, and invites the bureaux of the Main Committees to enhance their cooperation, in conformity with the rules of procedure.	Main Committees	In response to the request, some of the Main Committees explored ways and possibilities of enhancing their cooperation. For instance, during the sixtieth and sixty-first sessions there have been joint meetings of the bureaux of the Second and Third Committees.
45.	60/286, annex, para. 26	Decides, in that respect, to give due consideration to those recommendations of the Main Committees regarding the improvement of their working methods and the allocation of agenda items which require the approval of the General Assembly for their implementation.	Member States (General Assembly)	Provision to be implemented by Member States.

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46.	59/313, annex, para. 9	Requests the Chairpersons of the Main Committees, at the end of their terms of office, to provide a short report on their observations and "lessons learned" to their immediate successors.	Main Committees	Provision is implemented by Main Committees on an ongoing basis. The observations and "lessons learned" are presented during the informal meetings between incoming and outgoing bureaux of the respective committees.
47.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (a) *Also in*: 59/313, para. 7; and 51/241, annex, para. 26	Main Committees shall give specific attention to the rationalization of their future agendas by the biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items, and make recommendations to the plenary Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005.	Main Committees	In response to this request, the Main Committees at the fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions made recommendations to the Assembly.
48.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (b) *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 30	Main Committees shall adopt a provisional programme of work at the end of the session for the next session to help them better to plan, prepare and organize and, in this context, review the related documentation requirements.	Main Committees	Implemented as from the fifty-ninth session (information on the programme of work of the Fifth Committee is usually not available owing to the time frame of the Committee's work) (A/61/483, p. 14, and A/62/608).
49.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (c)	The practice of interactive debates and panel discussions shall be utilized or expanded, as appropriate, by all Main Committees so as to enhance informal, in-depth discussions and to bring together experts from various fields without prejudicing the progress of the substantive work of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Provision is being implemented on an ongoing basis. The Committees make extensive use of interactive debates and panels; for example, panel meetings are of particular importance for the work of the Second Committee.

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50.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (d) *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 53	The practice of "question time" shall be introduced, as appropriate, in all Main Committees to enable a dynamic and candid exchange with heads of departments and offices, representatives of the Secretary-General and special rapporteurs.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. As from the fifty-ninth session, Main Committees introduced the "question time" which has a significant importance for their work.
51.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (e)	The websites of the Main Committees shall be enhanced and thereafter regularly updated and their content maintained by the secretariats of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The websites of the Main Committees continue to be enhanced and regularly updated by the respective secretariats (A/61/483, p. 15, and A/62/608).
52.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (f)	The bureaux-elect of the Main Committees shall meet immediately after their election in order to discuss the organization and division of their work.	Main Committees	Ongoing provision. Provision implemented as from the fifty-eighth session.
53.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (g)	With a view to ensuring the continuity and the effective organization of their work, the incoming bureaux of the Main Committees shall, no later than two weeks after their election, meet with the outgoing bureaux in order to consult on and review issues relating to the efficient functioning of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Implemented by most of the Main Committees as from the fifty-eighth session.
54.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (h) *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 30	Prior to the opening of each session, informal briefings of each Main Committee shall be convened to discuss the organization of work.	Main Committees	Implemented as from the fifty-ninth session.

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55.	58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 8	The Main Committees of the General Assembly are bound by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, although they have different practices and working methods. With a view to identifying best practices and working methods, and recognizing the ongoing efforts of the Main Committees to streamline their work, the Secretary-General, drawing on the experience of previous Chairmen of the Main Committees, is requested to submit a historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees for the consideration of the General Committee by 1 April 2004. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the note before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.	Secretary-General	In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees" (A/58/CRP.5), which was considered by the General Committee in open-ended informal consultations (A/61/483, p. 13, and A/62/608).
56.	51/241, annex, para. 51	There shall be a more detailed and structured examination in the Main Committees of the relevant reports of the Board of Auditors, the Joint Inspection Unit and the Office of Internal Oversight Services in relation to the substantive work of these Committees.	Main Committees	The reports are examined in the Main Committees on an ad hoc basis, if necessary.
57.	51/241, annex, para. 31	The Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
58.	51/241, annex, para. 36	The First Committee and the Fourth Committee shall not meet simultaneously and may consider meeting in a sequential manner during the regular session of the General Assembly. This arrangement	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The secretaries of the First and Fourth Committees undertake consultation for the

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		shall not apply if it affects their respective identities, programmes of work and effective consideration of their agendas.		purpose of avoiding simultaneous meetings.
L.	**Provisions related to the General Committee**			
59.	60/286, annex, para. 27 *Also in:* 58/316, annex, para. 5 (b)	Reiterates its call for the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Rule 42 reads: *The General Committee shall meet periodically throughout each session to review the progress of the General Assembly and its committees and to make recommendations for furthering such progress. It shall also meet at such other times as the President deems necessary or upon the request of any other of its members.*	General Committee	Since the adoption of resolution 58/316, the General Committee has met throughout the session of the General Assembly.
60.	51/241, annex, para. 33	The General Committee shall use its authority and competence, taking into account rule 43 of the rules of procedure, by allowing Member States that are not represented on the General Committee to participate in its discussions. The process of decision-making will continue to be as at present. Rule 43 reads: *A member of the General Assembly which has no representative on the General Committee and which has requested the inclusion of an item in the agenda shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the General Committee at which its request is discussed and may participate, without vote, in the discussion of that item.*	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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61.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (a)	The work of the General Committee shall be carried out in accordance with section VI of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
62.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (b)	The General Committee shall continue to meet throughout the session and to play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work.	General Committee	Since the adoption of resolution 58/316, the General Committee has met throughout the session of the General Assembly and played its leading role in advising the Assembly in the organization of its work.
63.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (c)	To ensure the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee shall meet regularly throughout the session with the bureaux of the Main Committees to review the progress of the work of the Main Committees and to make recommendations for furthering such progress.	General Committee	Since the adoption of the provision, the General Committee has met throughout the sessions of the General Assembly to ensure the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure. Main Committee Chairmen regularly briefed the General Committee on the work of their Committees.
64.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (d)	In July of each year, the General Committee shall conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, and submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming Assembly. The report of the Secretary-General shall include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.	General Committee	In response to this request the Secretary-General submitted reports at the fifty-eighth, fifty-ninth, sixtieth and sixty-first sessions of the General Assembly, including the requested information on the status of documentation (see A/58/864, A/59/860 and Add.1, A/60/971 and Add.1 and A/61/1015 and Add.1).

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65.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (e)	The General Committee, meeting in open-ended consultations, shall continue to consider the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items of the customary agenda of the General Assembly and make recommendations thereon to the Assembly during its fifty-ninth session.	General Committee	Since the adoption of the provision the General Committee has made no recommendations to the General Assembly on the biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items of its customary agenda.
66.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (f)	On the basis of proposals from the President of the General Assembly, and in the light of the positive experience during the fifty-eighth session, the General Committee shall be encouraged, as appropriate, to continue to schedule informal briefings on topical issues.	General Committee	At the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions, the General Committee held a number of informal briefings on topical issues. Owing to the rising number of thematic debates the practice of informal briefings in the General Committee has been limited to avoid duplication.
67.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (g)	At the beginning of each session, the General Committee, following recommendations from the President of the General Assembly, shall recommend to the Assembly a programme of, and format for, interactive debates on the items on its agenda.	General Committee	Since the adoption of the provision the General Committee has made no recommendations to the General Assembly on a programme of interactive debates on the items on its agenda.
68.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (h)	The General Committee shall continue to consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects, and make recommendations on the matter to the General Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005.	General Committee	The General Committee continues to consider ways and means of improving its working methods. No recommendation has been made in that regard since the adoption of this provision.

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69.	58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 1	The General Committee shall meet throughout the session and further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness. It will play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work. In this connection, the Assembly will also consider proposals to reform the General Committee.	General Committee	The General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, adopted resolution 58/316, by which, inter alia, it decided on a number of measures with regard to the reform of the General Committee.
70.	55/285, annex, para. 20	In order to enhance the capacity of the General Committee to assist the President of the General Assembly in the conduct of the business of the Assembly and to improve continuity between its different sessions, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the Assembly shall designate a liaison person for the duration of the session. This designation may be made informally, without any amendment to rule 39 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, by means of a letter to its President.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
71.	51/241, annex, para. 34	The General Committee may, each year, prior to the closure of the session, prepare suggestions based on its experience for the consideration of the incoming General Committee.	General Committee	Suggestions have been made on an ongoing basis during informal meetings between the incoming and outgoing General Committees.

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72.	51/241, annex, para. 35	The General Committee is requested to consider and recommend to the General Assembly methods and procedures for streamlining and rationalizing the Committee's work. The General Committee shall, in this context, in relation to each agenda item proposed, consider its rejection or its inclusion in the provisional agenda, taking into account previous recommendations of the General Committee and previous relevant decisions of the Assembly.	General Committee	Provisions to be implemented by the General Committee.

Cluster II: selection of the Secretary-General

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
A. General provision related to the selection of the Secretary-General				
1.	60/286, annex, para. 17 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 57	Recalls Article 97 of the Charter, as well as the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 11(I) of 24 January 1946 and 51/241, as relevant to the role of the Assembly in appointing the Secretary-General, upon the recommendation of the Security Council.		No specific action.
2.	60/286, annex, para. 22	Emphasizes the importance of candidates for the post of Secretary-General possessing and displaying, inter alia, commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, extensive leadership, and administrative and diplomatic experience.		No specific action.
B. Provisions related to the selection process				
3.	60/286, annex, para. 18 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, paras. 56 and 59	Emphasizes, bearing in mind the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter, the need for the process of selection of the Secretary-General to be inclusive of all Member States and made more transparent and that, in the course of the identification and appointment of the best candidate for the post of Secretary-General, due regard should be given to regional rotation and gender equality, and invites the Security Council to regularly update the General Assembly on the steps it has taken in this regard.	Member States (General Assembly/ Security Council)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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4.	60/286, annex, para. 19 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 60	Encourages, without prejudice to the role of the principal organs as enshrined in Article 97 of the Charter, the President of the General Assembly to consult with Member States to identify potential candidates endorsed by a Member State and, upon informing all Member States of the results, to forward those results to the Security Council.	Member States, President of the General Assembly	No consultations upon the appointment of a new Secretary-General have taken place in 2006. Provision to be implemented every five years.
5.	60/286, annex, para. 20	Also encourages formal presentation of candidatures for the position of Secretary-General in a manner that allows sufficient time for interaction with Member States, and requests candidates to present their views to all States members of the General Assembly.	Member States	Presentation of candidature is being made in the form of letters to the Security Council. Since the adoption of that provision, there have been no formal meetings with the candidates in the General Assembly.
C. Provisions related to the appointment and duration of the term				
6.	60/286, annex, para. 21 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 61	Recalls paragraph 61 of its resolution 51/241, in which it is stated that, in order to ensure a smooth and efficient transition, the Secretary-General should be appointed as early as possible, preferably no later than one month before the date on which the term of the incumbent expires.	General Assembly, Security Council	The provision is being implemented to the extent possible.
7.	51/241, annex, para. 58	The duration of the term or terms of appointment, including the option of a single term, shall be considered before the appointment of the next Secretary-General.	Member States	Member States decide on the duration of the term on a case-by-case basis, on the recommendation of the Security Council.

Cluster III: role and authority of the General Assembly

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
A.	**General provisions related to the role and authority of the General Assembly**			
1.	60/286, annex I, para. 1 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 2 (b)	Reaffirms the role and the authority of the General Assembly, including on questions relating to international peace and security, as stipulated in Articles 10 to 14 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations, where appropriate using the procedures set forth in rules 7 to 10 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, which enable swift and urgent action by the Assembly, bearing in mind that the Security Council has primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security in accordance with Article 24 of the Charter.	Member States	Ongoing provision. The General Assembly has a number of items on its agenda that fall under this provision. Since the adoption of this provision, the tenth emergency special session was convened on 15 December 2006, and held its 30th and 31st plenary meetings.
B.	**Provisions related to the election of the President of the General Assembly**			
2.	58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 9	In accordance with paragraph 2 (a) and (c) of resolution 56/509, the General Assembly elects the President of the Assembly, the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, and the Chairmen of the Main Committees at least three months before the opening of the session in which they will serve. In order to foster better advance planning and preparation of the work of the Main Committees, the full bureaux of the Main Committees shall similarly be elected three months in advance of the next session.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision implemented as from the fifty-eighth session. This provision as well as rules 30 and 99 (a) apply to the election of the President of the General Assembly and the Vice-Presidents.
C.	**Provisions related to the competencies of the President of the General Assembly**			
3.	58/126, annex, para. 7	In June of each year, the President-elect of the General Assembly, after taking into account the views provided by	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the sixty-second session of

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		Member States and following consultations with the incumbent President and the Secretary-General, will suggest an issue, or issues, of global concern upon which Member States will be invited to comment during the general debate at the forthcoming session of the Assembly. The views provided by Member States should also be summarized and circulated to Member States. Such suggestions regarding the issue(s) for comment will be without prejudice to the sovereign right of Member States to solely and entirely determine the content of their general debate statements.		the General Assembly suggested the theme: "Responding to climate change". The views provided by Member States were summarized in a presentation by the President to all regional groups in September 2007.
D.	**Provisions related to the financial, logistic and technical support for the President of the General Assembly**			
4.	59/313, para. 3 (b)	Decides to strengthen the role and leadership of the President of the General Assembly by: (b) Augmenting the resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly from within existing resources, subject to consideration by the Assembly of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, to provide for two further additional posts at management and senior levels to be filled on an annual basis following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the sixtieth session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented as from the sixtieth session (A/61/483, p. 18).
5.	58/126, annex, para. 10	The resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in personnel and other support shall be augmented from within existing resources, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 22 of	Secretary-General	Provision implemented as from the fifty-ninth session (A/61/483, p. 11, and A/62/608).

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		the annex to resolution 55/285. Five additional posts shall be made available to supplement current support, of which three shall be filled on an annual basis, following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly.		
6.	55/285, annex, para. 22 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 44	Additional measures are required to implement paragraph 44 of the annex to resolution 51/241, in particular in the area of substantive support for the President of the General Assembly. Therefore, adequate support should be made available to the office of the President in the substantive areas of its work. To this end, the Secretary-General is requested to take appropriate measures and to submit proposals to the relevant committees for their consideration during the fifty-sixth session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	The support for the President of the General Assembly is being provided to a limited extent. Various technical, logistical, protocol and financial questions need to be clarified.
7.	59/313, para. 3 (c)	Decides to strengthen the role and leadership of the President of the General Assembly by: (c) Making available to the President of the General Assembly adequate office and conference space with a view to enabling the President to carry out his/her functions in a manner commensurate with the dignity and stature of the Office.	Secretary-General	Beginning with the fifty-ninth session, transitional office space and other support have been provided to the President-elect.
8.	60/286, annex, para. 11 *Also in*: 58/126, annex, para. 11	Requests the Secretary-General to continue to make the necessary arrangements for the provision of transitional office accommodation and other support to the President-elect of the General Assembly, in accordance with resolution 58/126.	Secretary-General	Beginning with the fifty-ninth session, transitional office space and other support have been provided to the President-elect (A/61/483, p. 11, and A/62/608, p. 6).

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9.	59/313, para. 3 (d)	Requesting the Secretary-General to ensure that the President of the General Assembly is provided with proper protocol services at Headquarters and at other United Nations duty stations.	Secretary-General	Support by the Protocol Office to the Office of the President of the General Assembly has been further strengthened through closer coordination with the Office of the President where protocol services are necessary, including also the social events hosted by the President (A/61/483, p. 18, and A/62/608).
10.	60/286, annex, para. 9	Requests the President of the General Assembly, at the end of his/her tenure, to provide an informal, short report on best practices and lessons learned to his/her successor.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis in the form of informal meetings.
E.	**Provisions related to the annual report of the Security Council**			
11.	60/286, annex, para. 4 *Also in*: 58/126, annex, para. 3	Invites the Security Council to further its initiatives to improve the quality of its annual report to the General Assembly, mandated by Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter, in order to provide the Assembly with a substantive and analytical report.	Security Council	The report of the Security Council is being improved in a gradual manner. In the 1990s the report was changed to reflect changes in the working methods of the Security Council. Since 2000, further changes have been introduced; inter alia, the introductory part has been added. Since then, the Security Council has focused more on the introduction to the report. In 2006, information on special political missions has been added to the report. This year, for the first time, the report will be prepared on the basis of new guidelines according to the

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				findings of the Security Council Working Group on Documentation. Furthermore, this year's report will include a record of draft resolutions on which no agreement was reached in the Security Council.
12.	60/286, annex, para. 7 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 2 (d); and 58/126, annex, para. 2	Also invites the Security Council to submit periodically, in accordance with Articles 15 and 24 of the Charter, special subject-oriented reports to the General Assembly for its consideration on issues of current international concern.	Member States (Security Council)	Since the adoption of resolution 58/126 no special subject-oriented reports have been formally submitted to the General Assembly. The special subjects are to some extent covered by the monthly assessments by the Presidents of the Security Council.
13.	59/313, para. 2 (c) *Also in*: 59/313, para. 2 (f)	To consider the annual reports as well as special reports of the Security Council, in accordance with Article 15, paragraph 1, and Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter, through substantive and interactive debates.	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The report of the Security Council is being considered through substantive and interactive debates.
14.	51/241, annex, para. 11	The agenda item entitled "Report of the Security Council" shall continue to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly.	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The report of the Security Council is considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly.
15.	51/241, annex, para. 14	The monthly forecast of the programme of work of the Security Council shall be circulated for the information of members of the General Assembly	Security Council	Implemented on an ongoing basis. Member States are provided with the monthly forecast of the programme of work of the Security Council in hard copies. The programme of work is also uploaded on the website of the Security Council.

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16.	60/286, annex, para. 5 *Also in*: 58/126, annex, para. 4; and 51/241, annex, para. 12	In carrying out the assessment of the debate on the annual report of the Security Council called for in paragraph 12 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President shall inform the General Assembly of his decision regarding the need for further consideration of the report of the Council, including in respect of the convening of informal consultations, on the need for, and content of, any action by the Assembly based on the debate, as well as on any matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.	President of the General Assembly	To date, consideration of the report of the Security Council has been held in the plenary only.
17.	51/241, annex, para. 12	The President of the General Assembly shall assess the debate on this item and consider the need for further consideration of the report of the Security Council.	President of the General Assembly	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the General Assembly provides opening remarks and a closing assessment of the debate.
18.	51/241, annex, para. 13	The agenda item shall not be closed but shall remain open to enable further discussion as necessary during the year, bearing in mind, inter alia, the submission of additional reports as and when necessary.	Member States (General Assembly)	During the fifty-ninth session the agenda item remained open. During the sixtieth, sixty-first and sixty-second sessions the Member States decided to close the item.
F. Provisions related to the annual report of the Economic and Social Council				
19.	60/286, annex, para. 8	Invites the Economic and Social Council to continue to prepare its report to the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 50/227, striving to make it more concise and action-oriented by highlighting the critical areas requiring action by the Assembly and, as appropriate, by making specific recommendations for consideration by the Member States.	Member States (Economic and Social Council)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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20.	51/241, annex, para. 15	The report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly shall be prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227. The report shall also contain an evaluation of the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, taking into account the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.	Member States (Economic and Social Council)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
G.	**Provisions related to the annual report of the International Court of Justice**			
21.	51/241, annex, para. 16	The report of the International Court of Justice shall continue to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly. The Assembly shall continue to support the role of the International Court of Justice as the principal judicial organ of the Organization, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. The Assembly shall also continue to encourage the progressive development and codification of international law.	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Since the fifty-second session the report has continued to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly.
H.	**Provisions related to public relations activities**			
22.	60/286, annex, para. 14	Requests the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, in cooperation with countries concerned and with the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to take appropriate measures to enhance world public awareness of the work of the General Assembly.	Secretary-General (Department of Public Information)	Ongoing provision. The Department of Public Information continues to implement its communications strategy to publicize the work and decisions of the General Assembly approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 59/126 B and 60/109 B.

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23.	60/286, annex, para. 16	Encourages the Presidents of the General Assembly to increase their public visibility, including through enhanced contacts with representatives of the media and civil society, thus promoting the activities of the Assembly, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue the practice of providing to the Office of the President of the Assembly a Spokesperson for the President of the Assembly and an assistant to the Spokesperson.	President of the General Assembly, Secretary-General	Ongoing provision. Since the sixtieth session, for example, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairmen of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current sessions (A/61/483, p. 20 and A/62/608, p. 15). No assistant to the Spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly has been provided since January 2008.
24.	58/126, annex, para. 8	The work and decisions of the General Assembly should be better publicized. Accordingly, the support provided by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat for these purposes should be intensified and strengthened. The Secretary-General is requested to present a plan to this end, within existing resources, to the next session of the Committee on Information, so that recommendations can be made to the Assembly.	Secretary-General (Department of Public Information)	One-time action. A plan was presented by the Secretary-General to the Committee on Information at its twenty-sixth session (see A/AC.198/2004/6; see also resolutions 59/126 B and 60/286, annex, para. 14) (A/61/483, p. 11, and A/62/608).
25.	60/286, annex, para. 15	Urges the Secretariat to continue its endeavours to raise the visibility of the General Assembly and, to that end, requests the rearrangement of items in the *Journal* of the United Nations so that listings of plenary meetings and other major events of the General Assembly may appear alongside those of the meetings of the Security Council.	Secretary-General	As from the sixty-first session the items in the *Journal* of the United Nations have been rearranged (A/61/483 and A/62/608).

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I.	**Provisions related to the General Assembly cooperation with civil society and others**			
26.	60/286, annex, para. 12	Encourages enhanced interaction, as and where appropriate, with civil society, including non-governmental organizations, in particular those from developing countries, on relevant issues	General Assembly	Ongoing provision. Since the sixtieth session, for example, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairmen of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current sessions (A/61/483, p. 20, and A/62/608, p. 15).
27.	60/286, annex, para. 13	Also encourages, where appropriate, continued cooperation between the General Assembly and national and regional parliaments, particularly through the Inter-Parliamentary Union.	General Assembly	Provision has been implemented on an ongoing basis. Numerous meetings have been held between the President of the General Assembly and visiting parliamentarians. The Inter-Parliamentary Union also participates as an observer in debates of the General Assembly.
J.	**Provisions related to the organization of work**			
28.	55/285, annex, para. 19 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 28	In order to implement fully paragraph 28 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly is encouraged to make greater use of facilitators, where appropriate.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. During the sixty-second session the President of the General Assembly appointed 17 facilitators (on, for example, financing for development; international environmental governance; mandate review; system-wide

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				coherence; General Assembly revitalization; Security Council reform; HIV/AIDS; commemorative high-level plenary meeting on children; assistance and support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse).
29.	51/241, annex, para. 27	The General Assembly is the highest political body with universal membership of the Organization. Consideration of agenda items directly in plenary meetings shall be reserved for urgent issues or issues of major political importance, bearing in mind paragraphs 1 and 2 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 48/264.	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
30.	51/241, annex, para. 28	The President of the General Assembly, with a view to ensuring that there is a systematic and transparent process for participation by delegations in discussions on action to be taken on items considered directly in plenary meetings, shall assess the debate in plenary meetings	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Usually, the President of the General Assembly provides his assessment of the debates in plenary meetings whenever items considered are of particular importance or special interest to Member States.
31.	51/241, annex, para. 29	The Secretariat shall ensure, in consultation with the President, that priority is accorded to the availability of a meeting room and services to facilitate these consultations.	Secretary-General	Provision is being implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
K. Provisions related to interactive/thematic debates				
32.	60/286, annex, para. 3 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 3 (a); and 58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 3	Encourages the holding of thematic interactive debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community in the General Assembly, and invites the President of the Assembly to propose themes for such interactive debates, in consultation with Member States.	Member States (General Assembly), President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision. During the sixty-second session there were five thematic debates (on, for example, climate change; the Millennium Development Goals; management reform; human trafficking; human security). During the sixty-first session, five thematic debates were organized (Millennium Development Goals; gender equality; civilizations; financing for development; climate change).
33.	59/313, para. 12	Encourages the holding of interactive debates with a view to contributing to intergovernmental decision-making.	Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
L. Provisions related to the cooperation between the main organs				
34.	60/286, annex, para. 2 *Also in*: 58/126, annex, para. 6; 55/285, annex, para. 21; and 51/241, annex, para. 43	Urges the Presidents of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council to meet periodically to ensure increased cooperation and coordination of their work programmes in accordance with their respective responsibilities under the Charter; the President of the Assembly shall inform Member States about the outcome of those meetings on a regular basis.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Presidents of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council meet together periodically. No regular information has been presented to the Member States about the outcome of those meetings.

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
35.	58/126, annex, para. 5	The President of the General Assembly should continue to be briefed regularly by the President of the Security Council on the work of the Council. The President of the Assembly may wish to inform Member States about the substantive issues raised during these meetings.	President of the Security Council, President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council are meeting at monthly intervals.
36.	60/286, annex, para. 6 *Also in:* 59/313, para. 2 (e)	Invites the Security Council to update the General Assembly on a regular basis on the steps it has taken	Member States (Security Council)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Information on the steps taken by the Security Council is provided during the meetings with the President of the General Assembly as well as included in the monthly assessments by the Presidents of the Security Council.
M. Provision related to the implementation and follow-up of resolutions				
37.	58/126, annex, para. 9	Member States and the Secretariat should consider initiatives that might be taken for better monitoring of the follow-up of resolutions of the General Assembly, such as the provision of timely inputs for reports of the Secretary-General and giving effect to proposals that would advance the follow-up of major United Nations conferences and summits.	Member States, Secretary-General	Communications from the Secretary-General have been sent to Member States on an ongoing basis to ask for pertinent information (A/61/483 and A/62/608).
38.	59/313, para. 1	Stresses the need to demonstrate political will to ensure the effective implementation of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision does not contain request for specific action.

Annex III

Activities of the Department of Public Information to publicize the work and decisions of the General Assembly

1. The Department of Public Information undertakes a great number of activities to promote the work of the General Assembly. These include both coverage of the daily news generated by the meetings of the Assembly as well as activities that promote the major issues on the Assembly's agenda. To publicize issues of concern to the General Assembly, the Department conducts special communications campaigns on topics such as climate change, the Millennium Development Goals, AIDS, human trafficking, human rights, peace and security, and the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

2. The Department's network of 63 United Nations Information Centres, Services and Offices carries out numerous public information activities to enhance awareness of the work of the General Assembly. These activities comprise media outreach; translation and dissemination of information material, backgrounders and press kits for each General Assembly session, including in local languages; timely delivery of the list of speakers for the general debate to Government offices; facilitation of the receipt of photographs taken by United Nations photographers when high-level Government representatives address the General Assembly; briefings about the work of the General Assembly and its documentation to members of official delegations before their departure for New York; and media support for the visits of the President of the General Assembly.

3. The work and decisions of the General Assembly also feature prominently in the news outputs of the Department. All open meetings of the General Assembly are covered by United Nations Television and fed out to international syndicators and news distributors; by live webcasts, which are also archived for later viewing; by United Nations photographers, whose high-resolution photographs are posted on the United Nations website for downloading; by comprehensive summaries of the meetings which are promptly produced as United Nations press releases in English and French and made available to the media, on the website and distributed via United Nations offices to all regions. Texts of all statements during the general debate are scanned and posted on the General Assembly website within minutes of delivery. The audio versions of many speeches in the Assembly are also uploaded to the United Nations website for use by media organizations and others. Meetings of the General Assembly, including those of its principal committees and subsidiary bodies, are similarly covered by United Nations Radio (in all official languages, plus Portuguese and Swahili) and by the United Nations News Centre (in all official languages), thereby reaching large audiences in all parts of the world, including over 54,000 subscribers to the News Centre's e-mail news alerts service. The General Assembly website was reorganized for the sixty-second session to make it easier to retrieve documents, resolutions and work programmes of the Committees. The Department has also designed the site for the President of the General Assembly in all six official languages, and is providing assistance in updating and maintaining it.

4. The Department's advocacy and special events programme is guided by the mandates emanating from the General Assembly and its various subsidiary bodies, and promotes the importance and significance of the Assembly's work in all of its facets. The weekly briefings for the non-governmental organization community

affiliated with the Department frequently cover topics which refer to the activities of the General Assembly. The sixty-first annual DPI/NGO Conference, on the theme "Reaffirming human rights for all: the Universal Declaration at 60", will be held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris in September in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly in Paris in 1948.

5. The Department also seeks to raise awareness of the work of the General Assembly among young people. Students learn about issues of concern to the Assembly at on-site events, via videoconferences and through educational material posted on the United Nations Cyberschoolbus website. The Department offers students, teachers and the general public the opportunity to learn more about the work of the General Assembly during a guided tour of United Nations Headquarters or in a group briefing by a United Nations expert. About half a million visitors view the General Assembly Hall each year during a guided tour, and about 45,000 people attend briefings about issues on the Assembly's agenda.

6. The *UN Chronicle* provides special coverage of the Assembly's work through the customary interview with the President, detailed articles on the proceedings of the plenary, as well as the six Main Committees, including interviews with delegates and Committee Chairpersons. On an annual basis, the *Yearbook of the United Nations* presents an authoritative record of the work of the General Assembly, including references to resolutions and decisions of the United Nations main deliberative body pertaining to every part of the United Nations system.

7. The Dag Hammarskjöld Library promotes the work of the General Assembly by organizing and providing access to the documentation of the General Assembly through training and targeted information products. Activities in this area include: the United Nations Documentation Research Guide (www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/), which provides an introduction to the work and documentation of the General Assembly; the list of conventions, declarations and other instruments found in General Assembly resolutions (1946 onwards), which presents an overview of the scope of the Assembly's work (www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/resins.htm); the UNBISnet database (http://unbisnet.un.org), which indexes all documents of the General Assembly and also includes an index to the speeches made at General Assembly meetings and a database of the voting records of the General Assembly since its thirty-sixth session, in 1981; the printed *Index to Proceedings of the General Assembly*, which provides easy access to the work of the General Assembly back to the first session; and the training and Personal Knowledge Management initiative, which makes available individual coaching and information management assistance for staff, Permanent Missions, non-governmental organizations and partner libraries on the use of General Assembly documentation.